

## REMARKS

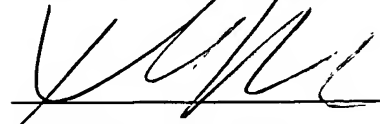
This is a Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed 01/29/2007 wherein it was indicated (paragraph 4 C) that the amendment document earlier filed was non-compliant under 37 CFR 1.121 and required correction to the "Amendments to the Claims" in that each claim was not provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. Accordingly, the "Listing of Claims" portion of Applicant's Amendment mailed 09/13/2006 in response to a non-final Office Action is amended. In compliance with 37 CFR 1.121, only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment is submitted in this Response.

Claims 1-24 are pending in the present application. In response to a Restriction Requirement, claims 13-24 were withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-12 have been examined on their merits in the non-final Office Action mailed 06/27/2006. In Applicant's Amendment (mailed 09/13/2006) in response to the 06/27/2006 Office Action, two new claims were added (the new claims were numbered as "13" and "14" in error and should have been numbered "25" and "26" in view of the numbering sequence inclusive of the withdrawn claims 13-24). The proper numbering sequence is now corrected and claims 25 and 26 are now indicated as "Currently amended" in the present Response. The Applicant believes that the new claims 25-26 are fully supported in the specification and do not represent new matter.

The corrected "Amendments to the Claims" reflected in the "Listing of the Claims" section is believed responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Reconsideration and allowance, being in order, are earnestly solicited. Should there be further issues, the undersigned would welcome a telephone call to facilitate their resolution.

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Respectfully submitted,

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